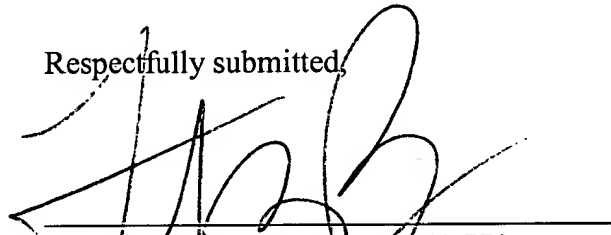


REMARKS

This Supplemental Preliminary Amendment is being filed in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, mailed on January 21, 2005. The current Reply addresses the failure of the previous Reply to cancel claims 1-40 and add new claims 41-68. New claims 41-68 are patentable over the cited art. More specifically, neither Arai nor Yoshizawa teaches or suggests automatically determining whether a characteristic (other than size) of a memory device installed in a computer system limits the memory capacity of the computer system. Therefore, for at least this reason, independent claims 41, 54 and 62 are allowable over the cited art. Claims 42-53, 55-61 and 63-68 are patentable for at least the reason that these claims depend from allowable claims.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1504 (MCT.0102US).

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